ROPEX 2014 Awards

Grand - Winner represents ROPEX at Stampshow 2014, Hartford, CT
(Tiffany & Company Silver Repousse Stamp Box)
Reserve Grand - Second in Show
(Van Bergh of Rochester 1900's Silver Plate Stamp Box)
One-Frame Grand (Large Carved Wood Indian Stamp Box)

Rochester Philatelic Association
- Larry R. Moriarty Sr. Memorial Award - Judges' Award of Merit (Small Wooden Carved Stamp Box, possibly German)
- Andy Hale Award - Best Non-Postal History Exhibit by a RPA Member (car book)
- Dusty Miller Award - Best Postal History Exhibit by a RPA Member (Wooden Stamp Box with Mother of Pearl Inlay)
- LRM Popularity Award - Most Popular, Voted by ROPEX Attendees (paperweight)
- Norman E. Wright Memorial Award - Exhibit with the best use of railway thematic material (rail-related book from Norman Wright's collection)

American Philatelic Society
- Medals and Ribbons of Excellence - Pre-1900, 1900-1940, 1940-1980, Post-1980
- Medal and Ribbon for Research Excellence

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors
- Award of Honor - Excellence in Presentation Not Winning a Gold Medal (cloisonné pin)
- Creativity in Philatelic Exhibiting Award (gold pin)
- Title Page Excellence Award - Best Title Page (magnifier dome and ribbon)
- Novice Award - Best Exhibit of a First Time Exhibitor (year membership, exhibiting book)

American Topical Association
- First Award- Best Thematic Exhibit with a National Bronze or Higher (medal and ribbon)
- Second Award- 2nd Best with a National Bronze or Higher (medal and ribbon)

American Philatelic Congress
- Excellence in Written Text (Congress Book)

Lighthouse Stamp Society
- Best Exhibit with a Nautical Component (Harbour Lights ceramic lighthouse)

United States Philatelic Classics Society
- Best U.S. Exhibit with Greater than 75% Material up to the First Bureau Issue of 1894 Winning a Vermeil or Gold and Not Winning it in a 24 Month Period (medal)

United States Stamp Society
- Statue of Freedom Award (Best U.S. Multi-frame Exhibit of Postage Stamps, Revenue Stamps or Stamped Paper Winning a National Vermeil or Gold)

Women Exhibitors
- Sterling Achievement Award- Merit for Any Exhibit in Philatelic/Subject Knowledge, Material or Treatment Winning a Bronze, Silver-Bronze or Silver (pin)

2014 ROPEX Judging Panel

Tim Bartshe, Chief, Golden, CO
David W. McNamee, Alamo, CA
Stephen Reinhard, Mineola, NY
Elizabeth M. Hisey, University Park, FL
Kenneth R. Nilsestuen, Akron, OH
Regis Hoffman, Apprentice, Pittsburgh, PA

ROPEX 2014 Rochester National Stamp Show

An APS "World Series of Philately" Event

May 16-18

The Main Street Armory,
900 East Main Street,
Rochester, NY

Show Theme:
Hot Cars, including
Mustang's 50th
Anniversary

A Presentation of the
Rochester Philatelic Association
www.rpastamps.org

Welcome to ROPEX 2014

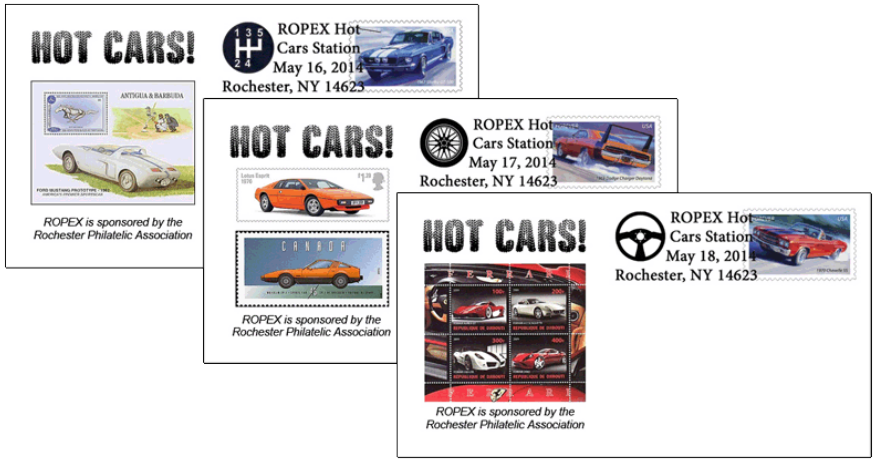
The members of the Rochester Philatelic Association from throughout the region are happy that you could join us for our annual show. The dealers at this year's show offer a wide variety of philatelic material and we hope each of you will find something new for your collection.

Take the opportunity to check out our exhibits this year. The Grand winner will represent ROPEX in the APS "Champion of Champions" competition being held in Hartford, CT in August.

Did you know that 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the Ford Mustang? We couldn't pass up Hot Cars as our theme this year as exemplified by our show souvenir cachets and cancels.

We look forward to ROPEX 2015 when we will be joined by the Auxiliary Markings club, holding their national convention in The Flower City!

While you're here, consider joining the Rochester Philatelic Association!
We meet the second and fourth Thursdays September through June at the Brighton Reformed Church at 805 Blossom Road off I-490. Buy/sell/trade runs from 7:00-7:30 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:30 PM. A silent auction concludes most evening's program. Dues are only $20 per year. Pick up a membership application at the RPA table or get one online at www.rpastamps.org where you can find full info about our club!



ROPEX 2014 souvenir covers honor Hot Cars and depict a variety of worldwide stamp issues depicting a 1962 Mustang prototype, 1976 Lotus Esprit, 1975 Bricklin SV-1 and several Ferraris. Covers are $7 per set of 3 and may be bought at the show or by mailing a check and SASE (or add $1 per set) to RPA, PO Box 10206 Brighton Station, Rochester, NY 14610. We cannot guarantee specific 2013 Muscle Car stamps on any cachet.

ROPEX 2014 Dealers

Table 7 **1840-1950 Mostly Stamps** hstamps@jlc.net
PO Box 423, Milford, NH 03055-0423 (603) 673-7180
US, British Empire and worldwide- stamps, covers, lots

Table 10 **Dave Allego** dallego@neo.rr.om
PO Box 69, Salem, OH 44460 (234) 567-4181
Worldwide covers, cinderellas, ephemera

Table 3 **Britannia Enterprises** michael.e.mead@verizon.net
PO Box 2114, Orleans, MA 02653 (508) 255-2465
Worldwide covers, cinderellas, ephemera

Table 5A **C&D Philatelics** chamil302@aol.com
PO Box 158, Ruby, VA 22556-0258 (540) 752-1369
Worldwide covers (including FDCs, navals, patriotics, topicals)

Table 13 **Canterbury Stamps & Dollar Table** adaptron@comcast.net
10 Chaucer Rd, Nashua, NH 03062 (603) 888-4317
www.canterburystamps.com
Topicals, supplies

Table 11 **Collins First Day Covers** collinscachets@yahoo.com
PO Box 188, Allentown, NJ 08501 (609) 259-0939
Collins hand painted First Day Covers

Table 5 **Cover Connection** coverconnection@gmail.com
PO Box 173 Niagara Square Station, Buffalo, NY 14201 (716) 854-0222
US and worldwide covers

Table 1 **Al Greco Stamps & Dollar Table** alfredgreco@verizon.net
1190 Nolan Rd, Macedon, NY 14502 (315) 986-7948
US and worldwide stamps, US and Canadian revenues

Table 6 **McCloud Stamps & Covers & Dollar Table** jstoltz@rochester.rr.com
109 Maple Center Rd, Hilton, NY 14468 (585) 507-3533
US, Canada, France, worldwide

Table 12 **Richfield Philatelic Company** billwits@aol.com
113 Richfield Ave, Buffalo, NY 14220 (716) 826-1242
US and Worldwide stamps and covers, collection lots

Table 4 **Tom's Stamps** tomsstamps@zoominternet.net
PO Box 470, Butler, PA 16003 (724) 287-1931
Classic US mint/used and worldwide stamps, lots

Table 2 **Doug Weisz US Covers** weiszcovers@yahoo.com
PO Box 1458, McMurray, PA 15317 (773) 914-4332
www.douglasweisz.com
US covers (including FDCs, navals, flights, events)

Table 9 **Laurence L. Winum** winum@frontiernet.net
PO Box 247, Walden, NY 12586-0247 (800) 914-8090
US and Germany stamps and covers

Table 8 **Fred Zaganiacz Stamps** fzaganiacz@adelphia.net
2339 Lambeth Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 (412) 833-6441
Worldwide stamps/covers, US covers, topicals

ROPEX 2014 Exhibits (* denotes RPA member)

1 **Polish-Americans Celebrate the Quincentennial of Kopernik,** Allison Cusick
Exhibit displays event and first day covers honoring the 500th birthday of Mikolaj Kopernik produced by Polish-American individuals and organizations in 1973.

2 **From Stability to Chaos,** Jeffrey N. Shapiro
A chronicle of the German Post Office's efforts to accommodate the devastating effects of post-World War I inflation through examples of postcards mailed abroad.

3 **The Pennsylvanian - NYC to Chicago - A Postal History,** Bill Schultz
Illustrates the mail along the New York City to Chicago route with stops in six states.

4 **Usages of the United States Four-Cent Air Mail Postal Card of 1949**
Stephen L. Suffet*
Postal history study of how the 4¢ air mail postal card was used in its day.

5-8 **A Pilgrimage to Mount Rainier,** Dickson Preston
Postcards showing a journey into Rainier National Park ending at the summit of the mountain.

9-13 **A Philatelic Trip through Norway,** Frederick Haynes*
The 19 fylkes (counties) of Norway will be systematically visited through stamps, covers, and postmarks from their villages and municipalities.

14-17 **Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries- Idioms Illustrated & Explained,** Thomas M. Fortunato* A fun look at English language expressions heard every day, including their origins, using dollar box covers in a "play along" format.

18-22 **conPHessions of a PHormerly PHat PHilatelist,** Jeffrey N. Shapiro
Rambling "tongue-in-cheek" thoughts of a PHat PHilatelist who lost 135 pounds.

23-27 **U.S. Revenue Stamps– First Issue "Using the Documents of Commerce to Fund the Civil War",** John Lighthouse*
This revenue history exhibit covers the usage of U.S. first issue revenue stamps on documents during the Civil War and post-Civil War periods.

28-35 **Great Britain: The Early Cancellations,** Rodney W. Paige
An exhibit of all the major British postal cancellations and their uses from 1840 to the end of the Victorian period, including varieties and errors.

36-43 **American Sailing Packets of the North Atlantic 1818-1840,** James Pullin
Study of the development of American packet service linking business communities between New York-Liverpool and New York-London.

44-53 **The U.S. Large Bank Note Era of 1870 to 1895,** Robert Meegan*
A study of the domestic, territorial, and international rates and usages during the era of the Large Bank Notes issued between 1870 and 1894.

54-62 **The Sullivan Commemorative of 1929,** Alan Parsons*
Background, production, FDCs (official/unofficial), and commercial uses of this U.S. commemorative issued June 17, 1929 for the American Revolution's Sullivan-Clinton Campaign 150th anniversary.

63-65 **Western Australia: Use & Abuse of the Post, 1831-1912,** Charles Lawlor
Examples of postage evasion, counter-intuitive routing, redirection, advertised and unclaimed, paid in cash, reply paid, re-routing, undeliverable, resealing, prohibited Tattersall's mail and disallowed franking.

66-69 **Putting the 'Boots' to Machin,** Stuart Keeley
The exhibit examines the various usage of the Boots mini-sheet, especially the over-prints of the second mini-sheet, Scott lists MH241a.

70 **U.S. Postal and Postal Cards to Canada: the Fluctuating Rate, 1873-1958**
Stephen L. Suffet* Study showing how the US surface postal and post card rate to Canada fluctuated between 2¢ and 1¢ over a period of 85 years.

2014 Schedule & Events

All meetings are open to the public except as noted. Meeting rooms are off the lobby in front of the show entrance.

Thursday, May 15

8 AM-6 PM….	ROPEX setup (exhibitors and dealers welcome 1-6 PM)

Friday, May 16

8 AM-6 PM….	ROPEX Judges' Deliberation Room (Judging Room 1)
9:30-11 AM….	"Early Bird" Bourse- $20 entry fee for collectors and dealers
11 AM……..	Show opens, Welcome & Ribbon Cutting, show entrance
11 AM-6 PM…	Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
6 PM……	Show closes

Saturday, May 17

10 AM……..	Show opens
10 AM-6 PM…	Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
11 AM-Noon…	ACE- Art Cover Exchange General Meeting (Room 1)
Noon-2 PM….	Empire State Postal History Society Trading Hour and Regional Meeting (Room 1)
Noon-5 PM….	Cachet Makers' Bourse
1-1:30 PM……	Walk-Through Discussion of Exhibits (Frame 1- all welcome)
2-3 PM…….	American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors "Open Forum on Exhibiting" (Room 1)
3-4 PM…….	ROPEX Judges' Feedback Forum (Room 1)
5 PM…….	Show closes
6 PM…….	ROPEX Awards Banquet (Rick's Prime Rib House, cocktails 6-6:30, dinner 6:30 PM)

Sunday, May 18

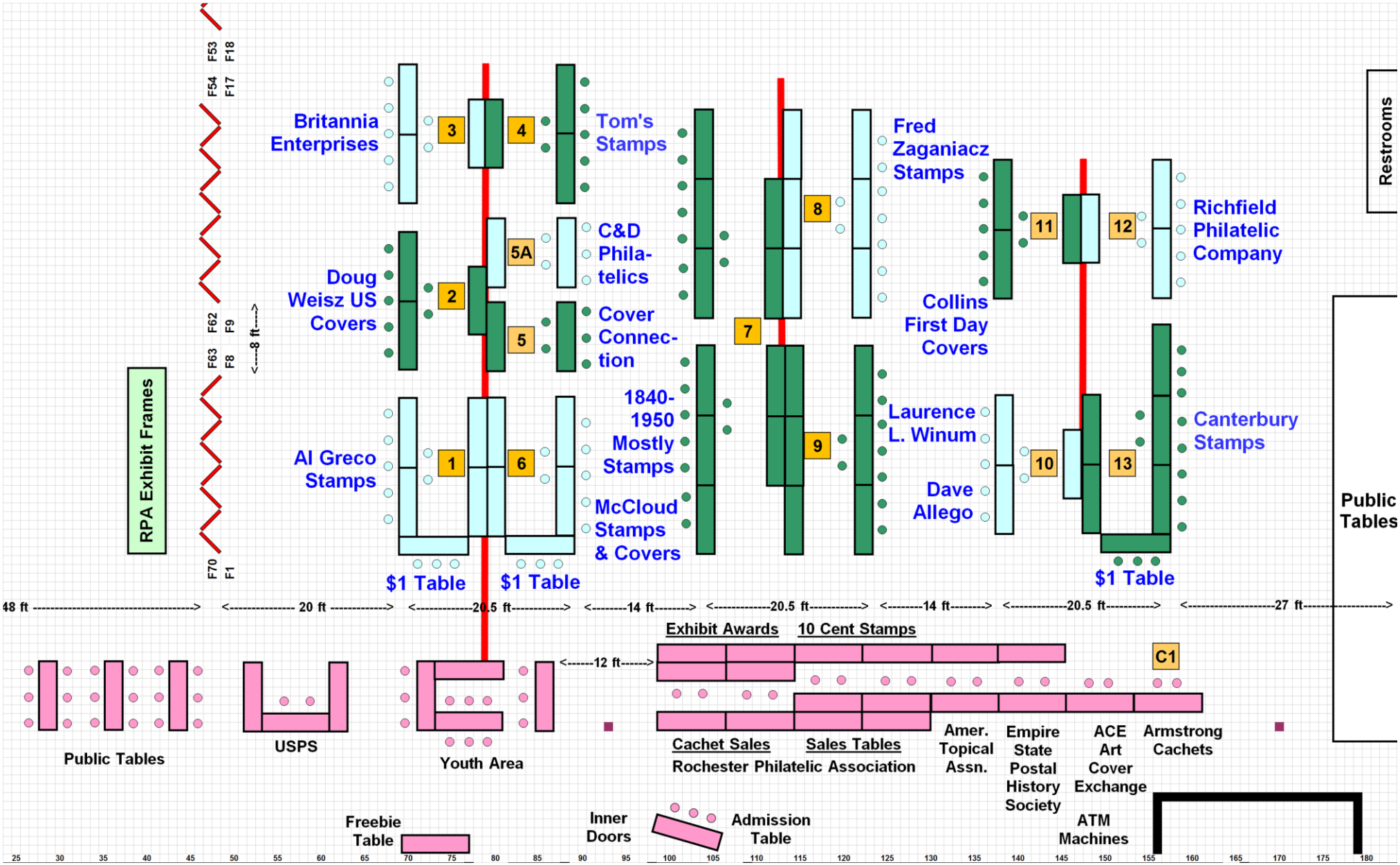
10 AM……..	Show opens
10 AM-6 PM…	Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
1 PM…….	RPA Youth "Design-A-Stamp" Awards Presentation (show floor)
3 PM…….	Show closes, Exhibit Pickup

2014 ROPEX Committee

Awards: Ada Prill
Banquet: Ray Stone
Bourse: Dave Robinson
Cachet and Cancel Design Tom Fortunato
Cachet Sales: Rick Kase
Design-A-Stamp: Frank Tritto
Exhibits/Judges/Palmares: Tom Fortunato
Hospitality Table: Chuck Schultz
Publicity: Tom Fortunato
Show Program: Fred Haynes
Site Coordination: Dave Robinson
Staging: Rick Kase
Treasurer: Dave Robinson
Volunteers: Chuck Schultz
Youth Activities: Mary Iman
At-Large: John Lighthouse, Carl Miller, Rich Spinelli (Ex Officio)

2013-14 Rochester Philatelic Association Officers

President: Rich Spinelli
Vice President: Carl Miller
Treasurer: Dave Robinson
Board (to June 2014): Bob Kingston
Board (to June 2015): Chuck Schultz
Board (to June 2016): Rick Kase



New to ROPEX 2014! Check out the RPA sales table where you will find a wide variety of items for sale, from 10 cent pick-and-choose stamps to sets, albums and collections! You'll also find several ROPEX dealers with Dollar Tables where everything is on sale for $1 or less!

Special welcome to our newest dealer making their ROPEX debut, C&D Philatelics from Ruby, Virginia, Table 5A. Say hi to Charlie and Diane there.

Congratulations to all our ROPEX Youth Design-A-Stamp Competition finalists from the Rochester and Syracuse area and as far away as Wisconsin.

Did you know that our exhibits this year have a truly international flavor? Exhibits come from collections from the USA, Canada and Australia!

If you collect stamps you should join the Rochester Philatelic Association! Pick up an application at the RPA Welcome Table!